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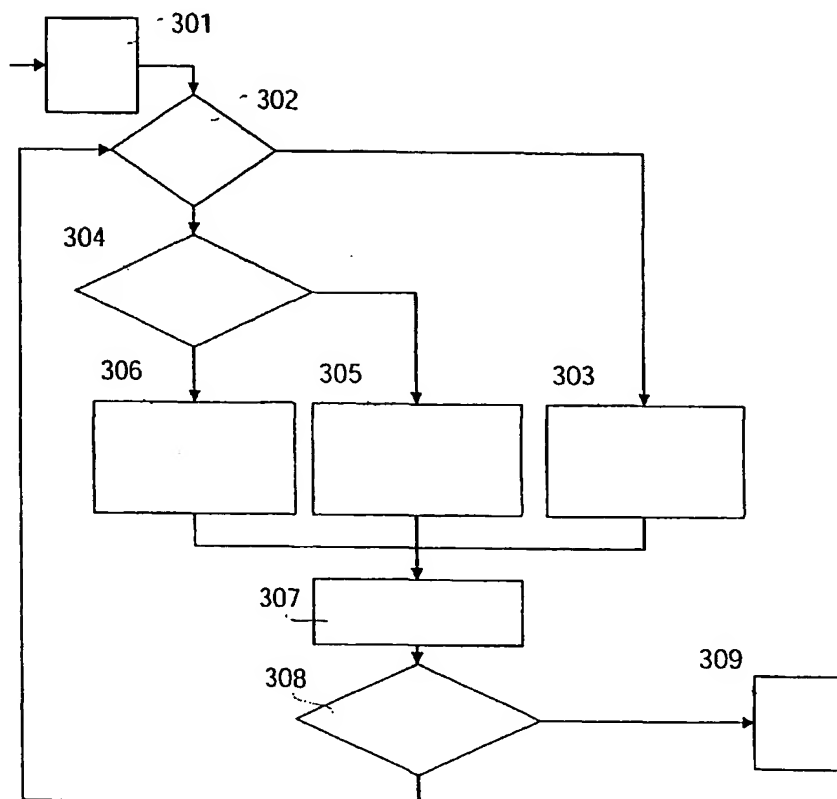
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(54) Title: **METHOD FOR ADDRESS CONVERSION IN HETEROGENEOUS NETWORKS**



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for address conversion in a network with at least two appliances that use different kinds of addressing methods, wherein a first address from a first addressing method is converted into a second address from a second addressing method. Positions of the addresses at which all addresses of the second addressing method that are in use each exhibit at least one identical character are hereby determined. An arbitrary amendment is made to at least one common character and the second address is formed from the common, amended characters and at least the characters from the first address, wherein the common characters within the second address occur in the same positions as in all other addresses of the second addressing method.